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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Bears Return to MPSF Action With Trip to UC Davis

THIS WEEK: Saturday, April 24

UC Davis

Aggie Field, Davis, Calif.

1:00 p.m.

2004 CAL WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE/RESULTS (6-8, 1-1 in MPSF)

Date 2/19 2/22 2/27	Opponent No. 14 Stanford Denver No. 17 Notre Dame	Time/Result L, 9-6 W, 17-14 L, 12-11 (OT)
2/29	No. 9 Ohio State	W, 10-6
3/5	at William & Mary	L, 12-7
3/7	at Richmond	L, 16-11
3/16 3/21	George Washington	w, 12-11 W, 17-6
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3/23	at No. 9 Syracuse	L, 17-9
3/25	at Colgate	W, 8-6
3/28	vs. Villanova	W, 13-5
4/2	at No. 19 Stanford	L, 15-12 (OT)
4/11	No. 13 Northwester	
4/17	at No.14 Yale	L, 16-6
4/24	at UC Davis	1:00 p.m.
5/1	Saint Mary's	1:00 p.m.
5/6	MPSF Championshi	p TBA
5/8	MPSF Championshi	p TBA
MPSF Championship @ Denver, Colo.		

Home Games at Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, CA

HEAD COACH JILL MALKO: Now in her sixth year at the helm of the Golden Bears, head coach Jill Malko looks for the 2004 season to be a pivotal year in the growth and success of the California women's lacrosse program. In the sport's first five years of varsity status, Malko compiled a 55-32 overall record, while most recently completing the 2003 season with an 11-6 record and a third consecutive trip to a league championship match.

Malko joined the Golden Bears in 1995, taking over the Cal women's lacrosse club team, enjoying immediate success. Between 1996 and 1997, Malko compiled a 30-4 overall record while making repeat visits to the Western Women's Lacrosse League Championships in each of those years, paving the way for women's lacrosse to become the 14th women's sport incorporated by California in April 1998.

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WHAT'S ON TAP FOR CAL LACROSSE: The Bears return home to California this week and resume Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play when they travel up the highway to UC Davis Saturday for an afternoon bout with the Aggies on Aggie Field at 1 p.m. California has not played a conference game since defeating Denver 17-14 on Feb. 22. Following this week's UC Davis contest, the Bears will have just one MPSF regular season game remaining before traveling to Denver May 6-8 for the conference championship.

A LOOK AT THE AGGIES: UC Davis (9-3, 1-2 in the MPSF) returns home following back-to-back East Coast trips. The Aggies, ranked second in last week's Inside Lacrosse Division II Power Poll, were 5-1 through the Atlantic swings and have won eight of their last nine games. Senior attacker Kelly Albin tied a school record with seven goals in the Aggies' 13-10 win over Bloomsburg Sunday. UC Davis began the 2004 season 1-2, losing at Stanford 15-4, defeating St. Mary's 16-6 at home and losing again 12-10 at Denver in overtime.

O'MARA NATIONAL ASSIST PER GAME LEADER: Senior attacker Colleen O'Mara was ranked No. 1 in the NCAA's individual statistics for assists per game last week, averaging 2.46 per contest over 14 games for a total of 32. No other West Coast player was rated in the Top 20. O'Mara's pair of five-assist games (vs. Le Moyne and Villanova) also earned national ranking, tying her at fourth in the individual game high category. Only one other player has recorded five or more assists in a game twice this season, senior Rachel Shuck of Loyola (Md.), who tallied five against Delaware and UMBC. And that isn't all. O'Mara was tied at third for points in a game for her nine-point (four goals and five assists) effort against Le Moyne. Only one other Bear has cracked the NCAA individual game high statistics this year. Junior midfielder Molly Brady was tied at fifth for her seven-goal performance against Denver.

AVERAGING CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICS PER GAME: Junior midfielder **Molly Brady** leads the Bears this season with 32 goals, averaging 2.29 goals per game. Senior midfielder **Julianne Wu** is second on the team with 23 goals and a 1.64 goals per game average. Senior attacker **Colleen O'Mara** reigns as Cal's all-time assists leader, averaging 2.29 this season with 32 total assists. O'Mara also leads the team in points with 47, an average of 3.36 per game. Brady follows her with a 2.5 average on 35 total points and also leads the Bears with 66 shots this season, averaging 4.71 per game. Sophomore defender **Schuyler Sokolow** has posted a team-leading 27 ground balls (1.93 per game) and 17 caused turnovers (1.21 per game). Freshman midfielder **Elizabeth Reifsnyder** leads the Bears with 22 draw controls, an average of 1.57 per game, with junior midfielder **Sunne Smith** close behind her, tallying 20 draw controls, an average of 1.43 per game.

GOALIE OF RECORD: Freshman goalkeeper **Hilary Lynch** has played every minute of every game this season for the Bears, averaging 10.93 saves per game while posting a .487 save percentage and an 11.34 GAA over 14 starts and facing seven Top 20 opponents.